

Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 DUSSEL 00055 201542Z

61

ACTION EUR-12

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-03 H-02 INR-07 L-02

NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-02 RSC-01 PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15

USIA-15 /068 W

----- 095718

R 201445Z JAN 75

FM AMCONSUL DUSSELDORF

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2498

INFO AMEMBASSY BONN

USMISSION BERLIN

AMCONSUL BREMEN

AMCONSUL FRANKFURT

AMCONSUL HAMBURG

AMCONSUL MUNICH

AMCONSUL STUTTGART

CINCUSAREUR HEID

CINCUSAFE RAMSTEIN

CINCEUR STUTTGART

UNCLAS DUSSELDORF 0055

MILITARY ADDRESSEES PLEASE PASS TO POLADS

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PINT, GW

SUBJECT: NRW/FDP COMMITTED TO RENEW ALLIANCE WITH SPD

1. IN A SPECIAL CONVENTION ON JANUARY 18, AN OVERWHELMING MAJORITY OF THE 400 DELEGATES OF THE NORTHRHINE WESTPHALIAN (NRW) FDP VOTED FOR TH CONTINUATION OF THE ALLIANCE WITH THE SPD AFTER THE MAY 4, STATE ELECTIONS.

2. THE ONLY CONDITIONS ACCORDING TO NRW/FDP LAND CHAIRMAN HORST LUDWIG RIEMER ARE THAT THE NEW SPD LANDTAG FACTION SUPPORT A POLICY COMPATIBLE WITH LIBERAL PRINCIPLES AND PROPOSES A MINISTER PRESIDENT WHO CREDIBLY REPRESENTS SUCH A POLICY.

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 DUSSEL 00055 201542Z

3. FDP NATIONAL CHAIRMAN HANS DIETRICH GENSCHER CALLED THE COALITION COMMITMENT A NECESSITY AND RULED OUT ANY ESCAPE CLAUSES, AS SUGGESTED BY ONE DELEGATE. THE CDU/CSU ACCORDING TO GENSCHER, IS MISREPRESENTING THE ACTUAL POLITICAL SITUATION, WHILE ITS OWN DEEPLY DIVIDED LEADERSHIP CAN ONLY SAY THAT ITS CHANCELLOR CANDIDATE WILL BE 'CARSTEN-MAC-JOSEF-STOLTEN-KOHL'.

4. THE STATE RESERVE LIST IS HEADED BY RIEMER, FOLLOWED BY FACTION CHAIRMAN HANS KOCH AND PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY GENERAL WOLFGANG HEINZ. FORMER BUNDESTAG DEPUTY WOLFRAM DORN WAS PLACED IN POSITION AND AFTER ANNOUNCING TO THE CONVENTION THAT HE HAD WON ALL LAW SUITS RESULTING FROM HIS BUSINESS CONSULTING ACTIVITIES, BUT 130 DELEGATES VOTED AGAINST HIM.

5. NRW CDU LEADER HEINRICH KOPPLER COMMENTED THAT THE FDP DECISION NOW OFFERS THE VOTERS A CLEAR CHOICE.

6. RARELY HAS THE NRW/FDP BEEN AS UNITED AS ON THIS OCCASION AND KOEPLER CAN TAKE SOME OF THE CREDIT FOR THIS DEVELOPMENT. AFTER REPEATED VEILED OFFERS TO THE FDP DURING THE PAST LEGISLATURE PERIOD, HE HAS NOW ADOPTED THE LINE THAT THE CDU IS ONLY INTERESTED IN AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY. THUS, RIEMER, WHO ONLY LOST FALL OPENLY DISCUSSED THE POSSIBILITY OF A CDU/FDP ALLIANCE, HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO REAFFIRM HIS OWN LOYALTY TO THE COALITION AND TO RALLY HIS PARTY TO THE SAME CAUSE. THE FDP DECISION DOES NOT MEAN, HOWEVER, THAT THE SPD WILL HAVE A FREE HAND. THE NRW FDP KNOWS THAT IT MUST ESTABLISH A BELIEVABLE IDENTITY AND, THEREFORE, WILL SEEK TO DEMONSTRATE ITS INDEPENDENCE FROM THE SPD ON SUCH ISSUES AS CODETERMINATION, ECONOMIC AND FISCAL POLICY AND SCHOOL REFORM. HENNEMEYER

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: COALITION GOVERNMENT, PARTY FACTIONS, NEGOTIATIONS, POLITICAL PARTIES
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 20 JAN 1975
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: n/a
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: n/a
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment:
Disposition Date: 01 JAN 1960
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1975DUSSEL00055
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D750021-0573
From: DUSSELDORF
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1975/newtext/t19750138/aaaabhfa.tel
Line Count: 93
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION EUR
Original Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: n/a
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: MorefiRH
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 04 APR 2003
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <04 APR 2003 by MarshK0>; APPROVED <25 Nov 2003 by MorefiRH>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
05 JUL 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: NRW/FDP COMMITTED TO RENEW ALLIANCE WITH SPD
TAGS: PINT, GE
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 05 JUL 2006